From: <u>Gray, David</u>

To: Wakeland, Morton; ryan.mcneill@thomsonreuters.com
Cc: Vargo, Steve; Snowbarger, Robert; Mason, Steve

Subject: Re: from Reuters

**Date:** Wednesday, May 01, 2013 2:41:19 PM

All - please send any future requests to me. HQ is also responding to Rueters and we need coordination of the Agency response.

David

From: Wakeland, Morton

Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 12:57:30 PM

**To:** ryan.mcneill@thomsonreuters.com

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Feel free just to use Mort, Ryan.

I'm on the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) reporting side of EPCRA, i.e., Section 313 of EPCRA.

Tier II reporting for facilities is under EPCRA § 312 – in Region 6 that is Steve Mason's shop, mason.steve@epa.gov

He may be out? However, his direct dial number is 214.665.2276. If he's not in Steve is excellent about getting back with you unless he in

some "outta tha way" place.

As an FYI, pursuant to the law – 42 USC § 11022(e)(3) – Tier II information to the public.

However, I defer to Steve for his opinion. Something may have changed that I am unaware of.

Thank you again for your email, and hope this has been of some help.

## Best week's wishes Ryan!

Mort

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**From:** ryan.mcneill@thomsonreuters.com [mailto:ryan.mcneill@thomsonreuters.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 9:51 AM

**To:** Wakeland, Morton **Subject:** from Reuters

Hi Dr. Wakeland,

I'm a journalist for Reuters based in New York. Long story short, we're running into some states who say that federal law prohibits them from releasing their databases of Tier II filings. Some of them are in your region.

Any chance we could visit --- even if it's on background or off the record --- to get a sense of whether EPA agrees with that interpretation.

Is there a chance we could talk by phone today?

Thanks in advance.

Ryan McNeill Global Data Team Reuters 646-223-7446